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The present report details budgetary requirements resulting from resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its sixth session and its fifth special session, held in 2007. The net additional requirements of \$719,100 have been accommodated within the resources appropriated in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. With respect to the estimated requirements of \$2,916,000 for the biennium 2008-2009, \$2,449,300 has been included in the programme budget. The balance of \$466,700 is envisaged to be accommodated, to the extent possible, within the existing appropriations for 2008-2009. A consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Human Rights Council and the potential absorptive capacity of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under the amended programme of work will be reported to the General Assembly during the biennium upon a decision of the Human Rights Council on its subsidiary machinery in response to General Assembly resolution 60/251.



C. Resolution 6/4: Arbitrary detention

12. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 1 (f) and 11 of its resolution 6/4, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to extend the mandate of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention for a further period of three years, in accordance with resolutions 1991/42 and 1997/50 of the Commission on Human Rights;

(b) Request the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention to submit an annual report to the Human Rights Council presenting its activities, findings, conclusions and recommendations;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the Working Group, particularly with regard to the staffing and resources needed for the effective fulfilment of its mandate, especially in respect of field missions.

13. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) travel of the Working Group members for meetings, travel of the Chairman of the Working Group to attend the annual meeting of special procedures and to present a report to the Human Rights Council, and travel of two members of the Working Group on two field missions per year; (b) travel of staff to accompany the Working Group members during field missions; and (c) local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions. The amount required to implement the resolution is estimated at \$205,300 per annum, or \$410,600 per biennium, under section 23, Human rights, for the bienniums 2006-2007 and 2008-2009.

14. The requirements for implementing the mandated activities of the Working Group have been met within the approved appropriations under section 23 for 2006-2007 and have been included in the programme budget for 2008-2009. Since the period for renewal of the mandate extends into the biennium 2010-2011, the requirements for that period would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

D. Resolution 6/5: Advisory services and technical assistance for Burundi

15. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 5 and 6 of its resolution 6/5, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to increase the allocation for technical assistance for Burundi through her office in Bujumbura;

(b) Decide to extend by one year the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi;

(c) Ask the independent expert to submit a final report to the Council at its ninth session on the effectiveness and efficiency of the measures applied in practice.

16. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect

to: (a) travel of the independent expert to attend the annual meeting of special procedures, to present a report to the Human Rights Council and to conduct two field missions per year; (b) travel of staff to accompany the independent expert during field missions; and (c) local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions. The amount required to implement the resolution is estimated at \$41,700 per annum, or \$83,400 per biennium, under section 23 for 2006-2007 and 2008-2009.

17. The requirements for implementing the mandated activities of the independent expert have been met within the approved appropriation under section 23 for 2006-2007 and have been included in the programme budget for 2008-2009.

18. With regard to paragraph 1, the technical assistance will be provided through extrabudgetary resources.

E. Resolution 6/12: Human rights and indigenous peoples: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people

19. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 1 (j) and 4 of its resolution 6/12, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people for a period of three years;

(b) Request the Special Rapporteur to submit a report on the implementation of the mandate to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work;

(c) Request the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to provide all necessary human, technical and financial assistance to the Special Rapporteur for the effective fulfilment of the mandate.

20. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) the travel of the Special Rapporteur to attend the annual meeting of special procedures, to present a report to the Human Rights Council and to conduct two field missions per year and take an annual trip to New York to present a report to the General Assembly; (b) travel of staff to accompany the Special Rapporteur during field missions; and (c) local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions. The amount required to implement the activities called for in the resolution is estimated at \$62,900 per annum, or \$125,800 per biennium, under section 23 for the bienniums 2006-2007 and 2008-2009.

21. The requirements for implementing the mandated activities of the Special Rapporteur have been met within approved appropriations under section 23 for 2006-2007 and have been included in the programme budget for 2008-2009. Since the period for renewal of the mandate extends into 2010-2011, the requirements for that period would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

F. Resolution 6/13: Social Forum

22. Under the terms of paragraphs 4, 5, 5 (c), 9 and 14 of its resolution 6/13, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide that the Social Forum should continue meeting every year, and request that the next meeting of the Forum be held during 2008 in Geneva on dates suitable for the participation of representatives of United Nations Member States and of the broadest possible range of other stakeholders especially from developing countries;

(b) Decide that the Social Forum would meet for three working days;

(c) Decide that one day of the Forum would be devoted to an interactive debate with relevant thematic procedures mandate-holders of the Council on issues related to the topics of the Forum and to formulating conclusions and recommendations to be presented to relevant bodies through the Council;

(d) Request the High Commissioner to facilitate participation in the Forum, to assist the Chairperson-Rapporteur, as resource persons, of up to four relevant Human Rights Council thematic procedures mandate-holders, in particular the independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty and the independent expert on human rights and international solidarity;

(e) Request the Secretary-General to provide the Social Forum with all the services and facilities necessary to fulfil its activities, and also request the High Commissioner to provide all the necessary support to facilitate the convening and proceedings of the Social Forum.

23. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements totalling \$195,800 for the biennium 2008-2009 for conference services under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 28E, Administration, Geneva, to be provided for the meetings of the Social Forum for three working days per annum called for in paragraphs 4 and 5. It is also estimated that a total amount of \$56,600 for the biennium 2008-2009 will be required for travel and daily subsistence allowance related to the participation of four Human Rights Council thematic procedures mandate-holders in the Social Forum under section 23, Human rights. The total estimated requirements for 2008-2009 are as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	192 000
Section 23, Human rights	56 600
Section 28E, Administration, Geneva	3 800
Total	252 400

24. The biennial resource requirements for the two-day annual meetings of the Social Forum as established by the former Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, consisting of conference-servicing requirements and

daily subsistence allowance payments for the 10 experts of the Social Forum, are as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	139 000
Section 23, Human rights	41 600
Section 28E, Administration, Geneva	2 800
Total	184 000

25. The provision of \$184,000, which has been included in the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, is proposed to offset the estimated requirements of \$252,400 for the Social Forum outlined in paragraph 23 above. It is estimated therefore that an additional amount of \$68,400 would be required for 2008-2009 to provide for conference servicing and the travel and daily subsistence allowance of four thematic procedures mandate-holders, as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	52 400
Section 23, Human rights	15 000
Section 28E, Administration, Geneva	1 000
Total	68 400

26. Although it is anticipated that an additional amount of \$68,400 would be required for the biennium under sections 2, 23 and 28E, no additional resources are requested at this time in view of the continuing review by the Human Rights Council of its subsidiary machinery in response to General Assembly resolution 60/251. The consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Council and the potential absorptive capacity of the programme budget for 2008-2009 under the amended programme of work will be reported to the Assembly during the biennium upon a decision of the Human Rights Council on its subsidiary machinery.

G. Resolution 6/14: Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery

27. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 7 and 8 of its resolution 6/14, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to appoint, for a three-year period, a Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences, to replace the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;

(b) Request the Special Rapporteur to submit annual reports on the activities of the mandate to the Human Rights Council together with recommendations on

measures that should be taken to combat and eradicate contemporary forms of slavery and slavery-like practices and to protect the human rights of victims of such practices;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to give the Special Rapporteur all necessary human and financial assistance for the effective fulfilment of the mandate.

28. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) travel of the Special Rapporteur for consultations, to attend the annual meeting of special procedures, to present a report to the Human Rights Council, and to conduct two field missions per year and take one annual trip to New York to present a report to the General Assembly; (b) travel of one staff member and two interpreters to accompany the Special Rapporteur during field missions; and (c) local transportation, security, communication and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions. The amount required to implement the activities called for in paragraphs 1 and 7 of the resolution is estimated at \$85,500 annually under section 23, Human rights, for 2008-2009.

29. The adoption of the resolution has given rise to reduced requirements in the biennium 2006-2007 and would result in reductions in 2008-2009 related to the discontinuation of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, as follows:

(a) For 2006-2007, a total amount of \$137,700 under the following sections:

(United States dollars)

Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	107 900
Section 23, Human rights	26 500
Section 28E, Administration, Geneva	3 300
Total	137 700

(b) For 2008-2009, a total amount of \$301,400 was included under the following sections of the programme budget:

(United States dollars)

Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	217 600
Section 23, Human rights	77 200
Section 28E, Administration, Geneva	6 600
Total	301 400

30. The unexpended balance arising from the discontinuation of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery in 2006-2007 was relinquished in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2006-2007.

31. The provision foreseen under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 will be reprogrammed to cover the additional resource requirements of the resolution. Although it is estimated that \$85,500 per year is required, only \$85,500 for the entire biennium is currently included under section 23.

32. Regarding the remaining provision of \$217,600 under section 2 and \$6,600 under section 28E in the programme budget, originally foreseen for the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, it is anticipated that it will be reprogrammed in the light of the continuing review by the Human Rights Council of its subsidiary machinery in response to General Assembly resolution 60/251. The consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Council and the potential absorptive capacity of the programme budget for 2008-2009 under the amended programme of work will be reported to the Assembly during the biennium upon a decision of the Human Rights Council on its subsidiary machinery.

33. Since the period of the appointment of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery extends into the biennium 2010-2011, the requirements for that period would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

H. Resolution 6/15: Forum on minority issues

34. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8 of its resolution 6/15, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to establish a forum on minority issues to provide a platform for promoting dialogue and cooperation on issues pertaining to persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, which shall provide thematic contributions and expertise to the work of the independent expert on minority issues;

(b) Decide that the Forum should meet annually for two working days allocated to thematic discussions;

(c) Decide that the independent expert on minority issues should guide the work of the Forum and prepare its annual meetings, and invite the expert to report on thematic recommendations of the Forum and recommendations for future thematic subjects, for consideration by the Council;

(d) Request the High Commissioner to provide all the necessary support to facilitate the convening of the Forum and the participation of relevant stakeholders from every region in its meetings, giving particular attention to ensuring the broadest possible participation, including in particular the representation of women;

(e) Request the Secretary-General to provide the Forum, within existing resources of the United Nations, with all the services and facilities necessary to fulfil its mandate.

35. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly will give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) conference services to be provided to the Forum on Minority Issues for an annual session of two working days of meetings in 2008-2009; (b) travel and

daily subsistence allowance for the independent expert on minority issues and additional participants; and (c) consultancy requirements. The total amount of \$269,600 is estimated for the biennium 2008-2009 as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	141 200
Section 23, Human rights	125 600
Section 28E, Administration, Geneva	2 800
Total	269 600

36. The adoption of the resolution would result in the discontinuation of the annual three working days of meetings of the Working Group on Minorities. The current provisions for the biennium associated with the Working Group are: (a) \$299,000 under section 2; (b) \$69,800 under section 23; and (c) \$3,800 under section 28E.

37. The provisions included in the programme budget for 2008-2009, referred to in paragraph 36 above, are proposed to offset the estimated requirements for the Forum on Minority Issues, outlined in paragraph 35 above. It is estimated therefore that an additional amount of \$55,800 would be required for 2008-2009 under section 23, Human rights, to provide for the travel and daily subsistence allowance of the Forum on Minority Issues and consultancy requirements for the preparation of meetings of the Forum.

38. Although it is anticipated that an additional amount of \$55,800 would be required for the biennium under section 23, no additional resources will be requested at this time in view of the continuing review by the Human Rights Council of its subsidiary machinery in response to General Assembly resolution 60/251. The consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Human Rights Council and the potential absorptive capacity of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under the amended programme of work will be reported to the Assembly during the biennium upon a decision of the Human Rights Council on its subsidiary machinery.

I. Resolution 6/16: Informal meeting to discuss the most appropriate mechanisms to continue the work of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations

39. Under the terms of its resolution 6/16, the Human Rights Council would decide to request the Office of the High Commissioner to convene an informal meeting in Geneva for a day and a half, open to the participation of States, indigenous peoples and other stakeholders, preceding the resumed sixth session of the Council, to exchange views on the most appropriate mechanisms to continue the work of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations.

40. With respect to conference services, the additional requirements for convening an informal meeting of one and a half days in 2007 was estimated at \$38,900 for 2006-2007 as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	37 500
Section 28E, Administration, Geneva	1 400
Total	38 900

41. The additional resources of \$38,900 were accommodated within the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and reported in the context of the second performance report.

J. Resolution 6/20: Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

42. Under the terms of paragraph 2 of its resolution 6/20, the Human Rights Council would request the High Commissioner to convene a workshop in 2008 for an exchange of views on good practices, added value and challenges for regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights, with the participation of representatives of the relevant regional and subregional arrangements from different regions, experts and all interested United Nations Member States, observers, national human rights institutions and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

43. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) conference services to convene a workshop in 2008; (b) travel to the workshop and daily subsistence allowance of 10 representatives of regional arrangements, 2 experts representing treaty bodies and special procedures and 1 representative of the Human Rights Council; and (c) a consultant to assist in the organization and conduct of the workshop and preparation of the report to the Council. The total costs are estimated at \$135,200 for the programme budget for 2008-2009, as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	53 700
Section 23, Human rights	80 800
Section 28E, Administration, Geneva	700
Total	135 200

44. Provision has not been made under sections 2, 23 and 28E of the programme budget for the biennium for the activities envisaged under paragraph 2 of the resolution. Although it is anticipated that additional resources of \$135,200 would be required as detailed in paragraph 43 above, no additional resources are requested at this time in view of the continuing review by the Human Rights Council of its subsidiary machinery in response to General Assembly resolution 60/251.

45. The consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Human Rights Council and the potential absorptive capacity of the programme budget for 2008-2009 under the amended programme of work will be reported to the General Assembly during the biennium upon a decision of the Human Rights Council on its subsidiary machinery.

K. Resolution 6/21: Elaboration of international complementary standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

46. Under the terms of its resolution 6/21, the Human Rights Council would decide to convene the inaugural session of its Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards in the first quarter of 2008 to commence its mandate.

47. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to conference servicing. It is recalled that at its third session, in December 2006, upon the adoption of its decision 3/103, the Council was informed in an oral statement of the programme budget implications of its decision to establish an ad hoc committee on the elaboration of complementary standards. At that time, it was estimated that requirements of \$607,100 would arise for the biennium 2006-2007, of which \$227,700 related to the ad hoc committee and \$379,400 related to an additional session of the Intergovernmental Working Group. Requirements of \$451,800 were also expected to arise for conference services in the biennium 2008-2009 for the ad hoc committee. As the inaugural session of the ad hoc committee is expected to be held during the first half of 2008, additional appropriations were not required in 2006-2007.

48. With regard to the requirements for 2008-2009, conference-servicing provisions have been made in the programme budget under sections 2 and 28E.

L. Resolution 6/23: Preparations for the Durban Review Conference

49. Under the terms of paragraph 1 of its resolution 6/23, the Human Rights Council would request the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session, covering the activities of the Preparatory Committee and progress made in preparation for the Durban Review Conference in 2009.

50. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements estimated at \$8,400 with respect to the travel of the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee to New York to present her report to the General Assembly during its sixty-second session.

51. The travel anticipated in 2007 did not take place and has been deferred to 2008. The amount of \$8,400 will be absorbed within the resources approved in the programme budget for 2008-2009 under section 23.

M. Resolution 6/26: Elaboration of human rights voluntary goals to be launched on the occasion of the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

52. Under the terms of paragraphs 1 and 2 (b) and (c) of its resolution 6/26, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to initiate an open-ended intergovernmental process in order to elaborate, on a consensual basis, a set of human rights voluntary goals to promote the realization and implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in accordance with States' international human rights obligations and commitments, to be launched on 10 December 2008 during the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(b) Invite the Office of the High Commissioner to submit to the Human Rights Council by its session in June 2008 information on programmes and activities to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration;

(c) Hold thereafter open-ended intergovernmental informal consultations to elaborate a set of human rights voluntary goals to be submitted to the Human Rights Council, on a consensual basis, through a draft resolution to be adopted by the end of its session in September 2008.

53. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) conference services to be provided to the open-ended intergovernmental process during informal consultations; and (b) costs for staff at the P-4 level to prepare information on programmes and activities to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to provide assistance related to the intergovernmental consultations for six months. The amount required to implement the activities called for in the resolution is estimated at \$211,600 for the programme budget for 2008-2009 as follows:

(United States dollars)

Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	122 500
Section 23, Human rights	85 800
Section 28E, Administration, Geneva	3 300
Total	211 600

54. Provision has not been made under sections 2, 23 and 28E of the programme budget for 2008-2009 for the activities envisaged under paragraphs 1 and 2 (b) and (c) of the resolution. Although it is anticipated that an additional amount of \$211,600 would be required for the biennium under sections 2, 23 and 28E, no additional resources are requested at this time in view of the continuing review by the Human Rights Council of its subsidiary machinery in response to General Assembly resolution 60/251. The consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Council and the potential absorptive capacity of the programme budget for 2008-2009 under the amended programme of work will

be reported to the General Assembly during the biennium upon a decision of the Human Rights Council on its subsidiary machinery.

N. Resolution 6/27: Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living

55. Under the terms of paragraphs 5, 5 (g), 8 and 9 of its resolution 6/27, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination;

(b) Request the Special Rapporteur to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session and to the Council in 2008, in accordance with its annual programme of work;

(c) Invite the outgoing Special Rapporteur to submit to the Council at its seventh session a comprehensive final report on his findings, conclusions and recommendations;

(d) Request the High Commissioner to ensure that the Special Rapporteur receives the necessary resources to enable him or her to discharge the mandate fully.

56. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) travel of the Special Rapporteur for consultations, to attend the annual meeting of special procedures, to present a report to the Human Rights Council, and to conduct two field missions per year and take one annual trip to New York to present a report to the Assembly; (b) travel of staff to accompany the Special Rapporteur during field missions; and (c) local transportation, security, communication and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions. The amount required to implement the activities called for in paragraphs 5, 5 (g) and 8 of the resolution, estimated at \$106,400, falls under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2008-2009.

57. The requirements for implementing the mandated activities of the Special Rapporteur have been included under section 23. Since the period for renewal of the mandate extends into the biennium 2010-2011, the requirements for that period will be considered in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

O. Resolution 6/28: Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

58. Under the terms of paragraphs 2, 2 (g) and 5 of its resolution 6/28, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism for a period of three years;

(b) Request the Special Rapporteur to report regularly to the Council and to the General Assembly;

(c) Request the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to provide all the necessary human, technical and financial assistance to the Special Rapporteur for the effective fulfilment of his or her mandate.

59. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) travel of the Special Rapporteur for consultations, to attend the annual meeting of special procedures, to present a report to the Council, and to conduct two field missions per year and take one annual trip to New York to present a report to the Assembly; (b) travel of staff to accompany the Special Rapporteur during field missions; and (c) local transportation, security, communication and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions. The amount required to implement the activities called for in paragraphs 2 and 2 (g) of the resolution, estimated at \$133,400, falls under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2008-2009.

60. The requirements for implementing the mandated activities of the Special Rapporteur have been included under section 23. Since the period for renewal of the mandate extends into the biennium 2010-2011, the requirements for that period will be considered in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

P. Resolution 6/29: Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

61. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 1 (e) and 9 of its resolution 6/29, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health for a further period of three years;

(b) Request the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Council and an interim report to the General Assembly on its activities, findings, conclusions and recommendations;

(c) Request the High Commissioner to continue providing all the necessary resources for the effective fulfilment of the Special Rapporteur's mandate from within existing resources.

62. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) travel of the Special Rapporteur for consultations, to attend the annual meeting of special procedures, to present a report to the Council, and to conduct two field missions per year and take one annual trip to New York to present a report to the Assembly; (b) travel of staff to accompany the Special Rapporteur during field missions; and (c) local transportation, security, communication and other

miscellaneous expenses during field missions. The amount required to implement the activities called for in paragraphs 1 and 1 (e) of the resolution, estimated at \$108,600, falls under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2008-2009.

63. The requirements for implementing the mandated activities of the Special Rapporteur have been included under section 23. Since the period for renewal of the mandate extends into the biennium 2010-2011, the requirements for that period will be considered in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

Q. Resolution 6/31: Advisory services and technical assistance for Liberia

64. Under the terms of paragraphs 3 and 6 of its resolution 6/31, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to extend by one year the mandate of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Liberia;

(b) Invite the independent expert to submit a final report on the effectiveness and efficiency of the measures applied in practice to the Council at its ninth session.

65. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) travel of the independent expert for consultations, to attend the annual meeting of special procedures, to present a report to the Council, and to conduct two field missions per year; (b) travel of staff to accompany the independent expert during field missions; and (c) local transportation, security, communication and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions. The amount required to implement the activities called for in paragraphs 3 and 6 of the resolution, estimated at \$54,400 per year, or \$108,800 per biennium, falls under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2008-2009.

66. The requirements for implementing the mandated activities of the independent expert have been included under section 23.

R. Resolution 6/32: Mandate of the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons

67. Under the terms of paragraphs 6, 10 and 11 of its resolution 6/32, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to extend the mandate of the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons for a period of three years;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to provide the Representative with all necessary assistance and adequate staffing to carry out the mandate effectively and to ensure that the mechanism works with the support of the Office of the High Commissioner and in close cooperation with the Emergency Relief Coordinator, the

Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(c) Invite the Representative of the Secretary-General to submit annual reports on the implementation of the mandate to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly, making suggestions and recommendations regarding the human rights of internally displaced persons, including on the impact of measures taken at the inter-agency level.

68. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) travel of the Representative of the Secretary-General for consultations, to attend the annual meeting of special procedures, to present a report to the Council, and to conduct two field missions per year and take one annual trip to New York to present a report to the Assembly; (b) travel of staff to accompany the Representative of the Secretary-General during field missions; and (c) local transportation, security, communication and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions. The amount required to implement the activities called for in paragraphs 6 and 11, \$102,600, falls under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2008-2009.

69. The requirements for implementing the mandated activities of the Representative of the Secretary-General have been included under section 23. Since the period for renewal of the mandate extends into the biennium 2010-2011, the requirements for that period will be considered in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

S. Resolution 6/33: Follow-up to the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

70. Under the terms of paragraphs 10, 14 and 15 of its resolution 6/33, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Request the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar to monitor the implementation of the resolution and to conduct a follow-up mission to Myanmar at his earliest convenience;

(b) Request the Office of the High Commissioner to provide the Special Rapporteur with adequate support, including expert human resources, to facilitate the fulfilment of the mandate entrusted to him by the resolution;

(c) Request the Special Rapporteur to report to the Council at its seventh session.

71. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) travel of the Special Rapporteur to Myanmar and to present a report to the Council; (b) travel of a support team comprising three Human Rights Officers and one Security Liaison Officer to Myanmar to accompany the Special Rapporteur during his follow-up visit; (c) consultancy to provide specialized assistance to the Special Rapporteur and his team in connection with the visit to Myanmar; and (d) local transportation and travel within Myanmar and interpretation, communications and other miscellaneous services related to the mission to Myanmar. The total amount required to implement the activities called for in the

resolution, estimated at \$78,400, would fall under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2008-2009.

72. The requirements for implementing the mandated activities have not been included under section 23. Although it is anticipated that an additional amount of \$78,400 would be required for 2008-2009 under section 23, no additional resources are requested at this time in view of the continuing review by the Human Rights Council of its subsidiary machinery in response to General Assembly resolution 60/251. The consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Council and the potential absorptive capacity of the programme budget for 2008-2009 under the amended programme of work will be reported to the Assembly during the biennium upon a decision of the Council on its subsidiary machinery.

T. Resolution 6/34: Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan

73. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of its resolution 6/34, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to extend for one year the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, in accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolution 2005/82;

(b) Request the Special Rapporteur to assess the needs of the Sudan in the context of her mandate and to mobilize the necessary international technical and financial support for the Sudan in the field of human rights, invite relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, including the Office of the High Commissioner to continue providing support and technical assistance to the Sudan in the field of human rights, and call upon donors to also continue providing financial and technical assistance and required equipment for the improvement of the human rights situation in the Sudan;

(c) Request the Special Rapporteur to submit her outstanding annual report to the Council at its seventh session, in March 2008, and her following report to the Council at its ninth session, in September 2008.

74. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) travel of the Special Rapporteur for consultations, to attend the annual meeting of special procedures, to present a report to the Council, and to conduct two field missions per year; (b) travel of staff to accompany the Special Rapporteur during field missions; and (c) local transportation, security, communication and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions. The total amount required to implement the activities called for in the resolution is estimated at \$50,700 per year under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2008-2009.

75. The requirements for implementing the mandated activities of the Special Rapporteur have been included under section 23.

U. **Resolution 6/36: Expert mechanism on the rights of indigenous peoples**

76. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 of its resolution 6/36, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide, in order to assist the Human Rights Council in the implementation of its mandate, to establish a subsidiary expert mechanism to provide the Council with thematic expertise on the rights of indigenous peoples, in the manner and form requested by the Council;

(b) Decide that the expert mechanism should report annually to the Council on its work;

(c) Decide that the expert mechanism should consist of five independent experts, the selection of which should be carried out in accordance with the procedure established in paragraphs 39 to 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1;

(d) Decide, in order for the expert mechanism to enhance cooperation and avoid duplicating the work of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples, and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, to invite the Special Rapporteur and a member of the Permanent Forum to attend and contribute to its annual meeting;

(e) Decide that, within its mandate, the expert mechanism should determine its own methods of work but should not adopt resolutions or decisions;

(f) Decide that the expert mechanism should meet once annually for three days in its first year and thereafter for up to five days and that the sessions may be a combination of open and private meetings.

77. A provision of \$15,100 per annum was made under section 23, Human rights, for daily subsistence allowance of one week for the Working Group on Indigenous Populations. The full cost of travel and daily subsistence allowance for the five experts for three days in the first year and six days for each subsequent year of the expert mechanism is estimated at \$33,000 and \$37,000 respectively. Net additional requirements of \$17,900 would arise in the first year and \$21,900 per year thereafter; thus a total of \$39,800 would be required for the biennium 2008-2009 to provide for travel and daily subsistence allowance for the five experts.

78. Additional requirements are anticipated to arise in response to paragraph 5 of the resolution to provide for the participation of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples and a member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the amount of \$28,000 per biennium.

79. Regarding conference servicing, provision was made under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, to provide conference servicing to the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, which has been maintained in the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. Since the new expert mechanism will replace the Working Group, its conference-servicing requirements would be met under the former Working Group's entitlements.

80. Therefore, the total additional cost for travel and daily subsistence allowance for five experts and three representatives would amount to \$67,800 per biennium.

81. No additional resources will be requested at this time under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2008-2009 in view of the continuing review by the Human Rights Council of its subsidiary machinery in response to General Assembly resolution 60/251. The consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Council and the potential absorptive capacity of the programme budget for 2008-2009 under the amended programme of work will be reported to the Assembly during the biennium upon a decision of the Council on its subsidiary machinery.

V. Resolution 6/37: Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief

82. Under the terms of paragraphs 18, 19, 21 and 22 of its resolution 6/37, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief for a further period of three years;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to ensure that the Special Rapporteur receives the necessary resources to enable her or him to discharge her or his mandate fully;

(c) Request the Special Rapporteur to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

(d) Request the Special Rapporteur to submit the outstanding reports to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work and the next annual report in 2009.

83. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) travel of the Special Rapporteur for consultations, to attend the annual meeting of special procedures, to present a report to the Council, and to conduct two field missions per year and take one annual trip to New York to present a report to the Assembly; (b) travel of staff to accompany the Special Rapporteur during field missions; and (c) local transportation, security, communication and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions. The amount required to implement the activities called for in paragraphs 18, 21 and 22 of the resolution is estimated at \$122,600 per biennium, under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2008-2009.

84. The requirements for implementing the mandated activities of the Special Rapporteur have been included under section 23. Since the period for renewal of the mandate extends into the biennium 2010-2011, the requirements for that period will be considered in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

W. Resolution S-5/1: Situation of human rights in Myanmar

85. Under the terms of paragraphs 9 and 10 of its resolution S-5/1, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Request the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar to assess the current human rights situation and to monitor the implementation of the resolution, including by seeking an urgent visit to Myanmar, and to report to the Council at its resumed sixth session, and in that respect urged the Government of Myanmar to cooperate with the Special Rapporteur;

(b) Request the Special Rapporteur to inform the General Assembly at its sixty-second session on progress in that regard.

86. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council and its expected adoption by the General Assembly give rise to additional requirements with respect to: (a) travel of the Special Rapporteur to Myanmar, to Geneva for the presentation of the report to the Council and to New York to report to the General Assembly; (b) travel of two staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to accompany the Special Rapporteur to Myanmar; (c) local transportation, interpretation and other miscellaneous services related to the mission to Myanmar. The total amount under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2008-2009 required to implement the activities called for in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the resolution is estimated at \$46,700.

87. Although provision was not made in the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 to meet the additional activities outlined in paragraph 86 above, the resource requirements were absorbed within the appropriations approved for the biennium 2006-2007 under section 23 and reported within the context of the second performance report.

88. No additional resources will be requested at this time under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2008-2009 in view of the continuing review by the Human Rights Council of its subsidiary machinery in response to General Assembly resolution 60/251. The consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Council and the potential absorptive capacity of the programme budget for 2008-2009 under the amended programme of work will be reported to the Assembly during the biennium upon a decision of the Council on its subsidiary machinery.

III. Conclusions and action required of the General Assembly

89. As reflected in the annex to the present report, the implications of the resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its sixth session and its fifth special session in 2007 give rise to total net requirements of \$719,100 for the biennium 2006-2007 and \$2,916,000 for the biennium 2008-2009. Requirements for the biennium 2006-2007 of \$719,100 were met from the resources appropriated under the programme budget for 2006-2007 and reported in the context of the second performance report for 2006-2007.

90. For the biennium 2008-2009, of the total estimated requirements of \$2,916,000, provision of \$2,449,300 has already been made in the programme budget. A balance of \$466,700 is therefore required to implement the resolutions of the Human Rights Council outlined in the present report in the biennium 2008-2009.

91. During the biennium, a consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Human Rights Council and the potential absorptive capacity of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under the amended programme of work will be reported to the General Assembly upon a decision of the Human Rights Council on its subsidiary machinery in response to Assembly resolution 60/251. Additional appropriations in this regard are therefore not sought at this time.

92. The General Assembly may wish to take note of the present report.

Annex

Summary of requirements resulting from resolutions of the Human Rights Council at its sixth session and its fifth special session in 2007^a

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Human Rights Council resolutions		Budget section	Requirements	2006-2007	2008-2009	
				Accommodated within the approved appropriation and reported in the context of the second performance report	Requirements to be accommodated from the existing appropriation	To be reported in the context of a consolidated statement on the Council's review of its subsidiary machinery
6/2	Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food	23	104.0	104.0	104.0	—
6/3	Human rights and international solidarity	23	47.4	47.4	47.4	—
6/4	Arbitrary detention	23	410.6	410.6	410.6	—
6/5	Advisory services and technical assistance for Burundi	23	83.4	83.4	83.4	—
6/12	Human rights and indigenous peoples: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people	23	125.8	125.8	125.8	—
6/13	Social Forum	2	—	—	139.0	52.4
		23	—	—	41.6	15.0
		28E	—	—	2.8	1.0
6/14	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery	2	(107.9)	(107.9)	217.6	—
		23	(26.5)	(26.5)	77.2	8.3
		28E	(3.3)	(3.3)	6.6	—
6/15	Forum on minority issues	2	—	—	—	(157.8)
		23	—	—	—	55.8
		28E	—	—	—	(1.0)
6/16	Informal meeting to discuss the most appropriate mechanisms to continue the work of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations	2	37.5	37.5	—	—
		28E	1.4	1.4	—	—
6/20	Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights	2	—	—	—	53.7
		23	—	—	—	80.8
		28E	—	—	—	0.7
6/21	Elaboration of international complementary standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	2	—	—	439.1	—
		28E	—	—	12.7	—
6/23	Preparations for the Durban Review Conference	23	—	—	8.4	—

		2006-2007		2008-2009	
<i>Human Rights Council resolutions</i>		<i>Budget section</i>	<i>Requirements</i>	<i>Accommodated within the approved appropriation and reported in the context of the second performance report</i>	<i>To be reported in the context of a consolidated statement on the Council's review of its subsidiary machinery</i>
6/26	Elaboration of human rights voluntary goals to be launched on the occasion of the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights	2 23 28E	— — —	— — —	122.5 85.8 3.3
6/27	Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living	23	—	—	106.4
6/28	Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism	23	—	—	133.4
6/29	Right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	23	—	—	108.6
6/31	Advisory services and technical assistance for Liberia	23	—	—	108.8
6/32	Mandate of the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons	23	—	—	102.6
6/33	Follow-up to the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	23	—	—	78.4
6/34	Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan	23	—	—	50.7
6/36	Expert mechanism on the rights of indigenous peoples	23	—	—	67.8
6/37	Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief	23	—	—	122.6
S-5/1	Situation of human rights in Myanmar	23	46.7	46.7	—
Total		—	719.1	719.1	2 449.3
					466.7

* Provision made in the 2008-2009 programme budget.